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1. South Vietnam

There was little change in the political situation today. Buddhist leaders remained adamant against continuation of Thieu and Ky in office.

Tam Chau took a somewhat harder line in his first public statement since the rejection of his resignation as head of the Buddhist Institute. More details on his position may come tomorrow, when the Institute has scheduled a news conference.

The Buddhist tactic of blocking streets with altars continued today to hamper military movements in Hué and a couple of other cities and to hinder vital port operations in Da Nang. There were several near incidents when troops sought to clear the congested streets.

It now appears that the tactic may have been designed to inhibit a Saigon military move against Hué, which the Buddhists thought was imminent. Late press reports claim that Tri Quang has ordered the "temporary" removal of the altars.

The Buddhist-called general strike in Hué was apparently entirely effective today among commercial and other nongovernmental elements, and partially effective among local civil servants. The clandestine radio, which is now believed to be installed in a Hué pagoda, continues to preach defiance of the government. It can evidently be heard throughout the I Corps area and well to the south of it.

2. Pakistan

Foreign Minister Bhutto may be leaving office soon. At least one senior Pakistani official and a friendly diplomat say the anti-Western minister will be finished in thirty days. His departure would remove one major source of irritation in relations with India as well as with the US.

3. Soviet Union

As has been long suspected, some Soviet reconnaissance satellites have been collecting electronic intelligence as well as taking photographs.

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4. Panama

The National Guard remains deployed in force both in Colon, where most of the violence hit yesterday, and in Panama City. There was a minor student demonstration in the interior today which was contained.

Funerals for the students killed in yesterday's rioting are to be held on 8 and 9 June and could be the occasion for more disturbances.

So far, the student proposal for a general strike has not taken fire.

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President Robles has scheduled an address to the country tonight at 8:00 p.m. EDT, which could do much to affect the outcome of the crisis.

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5. Dominican Republic

President-elect Balaguer says he would be reluctant to see the Inter-American Peace Force leave until his government is solidly established. He explained to Ambassador Bunker that he believes withdrawal should be linked with the "re-integration" of the Dominican armed forces and the disarming of the civilian population.

Garcia Godoy, on the other hand, has let it be known for some time that he wants the force to withdraw before he leaves office on 2 July.

Balaguer may try to stall on this issue, believing that he needs the presence of the force as a counterweight to the Dominican military.

There have been no further developments in the Bosch party's efforts to create doubt about the legality of the recent election. Balaguer does not appear concerned in the slightest.

6. Sudan

The shaky coalition government is running into increasing troubles. Next week, Communist-dominated trade unions, with the support of the major opposition party, plan to attempt a general strike aimed at bringing down Prime Minister Mahjoub's government. There are also reports that a strong effort will be made to unseat Mahjoub in the forthcoming session of the constituent assembly if the strike does not do in his government first.

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